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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

Directorate of Intelligence
Headquarters, USAF

SUBJECT: Air Force Request Regarding Print Cutting

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1. In pursuance of your telephone request on 1 August that the single print scheduled for receipt by the Air Force be provided with individual frames cut rather than on a roll. I wish to make the following report. Your representative, [REDACTED] and Project representatives, [REDACTED] and I, on the afternoon of 1 August discussed the various implications of your request as well as problems relating to your earlier request for a duplicate negative and print at such time as Eastman Kodak would be able to provide it.

2. We came to this agreement: That the Project promptly request Eastman to cut the rolls of prints of missions accomplished to date, even at the expense of some delay which was estimated to be on the order of as much as several days. The instruction to Eastman Kodak was transmitted by phone while this conference was in progress. It was also agreed that pending different instruction from the Air Force on future missions the Project would request Eastman to continue the practice of cutting.

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3. As background to this problem it is our understanding from [REDACTED] that to establish personnel and facilities at Headquarters to carry out the cutting of prints would cause great delay because AFPCIN would be starting from scratch. The possibility was raised that the Eighth Reconnaissance Technical Squadron might be able to cut the prints at a mutual advantage to Eastman and the Air Force. [REDACTED] agreed to explore this possibility.

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4. It was pointed out in this discussion that Eastman Kodak had been established as a special facility principally to obtain high resolution photography at the critical points in the development and reproduction processes. It was not the intention to expand the facility in view of existing facilities at reconnaissance technical squadrons in the ZI. [REDACTED] agreed to examine the feasibility of 8th Reconnaissance Technical Squadron on receipt of a duplicate positive from Eastman,

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making a duplicate negative and the second print which the Air Force has requisitioned as well as handling the cutting of both the current print and that second print. It was recognized that it was in the mutual interest of CIA and the Air Force to restrict insofar as possible placing upon Eastman Kodak reproduction responsibilities which interfere with the completion of work for which they were principally established in connection with this project.

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5. I have, in keeping with my conversation with you over the phone, made clear to [redacted] of CIA and to [redacted] of AFCEA that direct liaison between them to gain a fuller appreciation of the capabilities of both Eastman and the Air Force in this field would be highly desirable. At such time as they reach agreements or run into difficult problems I assured them I am available and I was sure you would be interested.

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